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1. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE THE VIEWS OF DEPARTMENTS OF STATE AND JUSTICE WITH REGARD TO

LANGUAGE WHICH MIGHT POSSIBLY BE USED IN RESPONSE TO

POINTS MADE IN VESCO LETTER. EMBASSY DOES NOT PLAN AT THIS

TIME TO MAKE A FURTHERREPLY TO THE LETTER ITSELF BUT

BELIEVES THAT IT WOULD BE WISE TO PREPARE ANSWERS

IN ADVANCE THAT MIGHT BE USED IN THE EVENT OF

PRESS INQUIRIES OR FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS THAT WOULD

MAKE COMMENT NECESSARY. WE ARE THINKING,

PARTICULARLY, OF LANGUAGE WHICH WOULD BLUNT VESCO'S CHARGES

THAT U.S. INTEREST IN HIM IS POLITICALLY MOTIVATED,

THAT HE SHOULD NOT HAVE TO PROVE HIS INNOCENCE, AND HIS

ALLEGATION THAT HE IS NO LONGER A U.S. CITIZEN.

2. ALTHOUGH WE BELIEVE WE CAN HANDLE ALL OF VESCO'S DISTORTIONS IF PRESSED, IT WOULD BE

ADVANTAGEOUS TO HAVE THE CURRENT THINKING OF JUSTICE

AND THE DEPARTMENT'S LEGAL ADVISORS ON THE POINTS

RAISED IN HIS LETTER.

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